

**County Council Meeting  
Binding Budget Reviews  
September 16, 2014**

**Present:** Jack Kroeger, Aaron Benton, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Jane Lynam

**Absent:** Attorney Eric Ayer

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:12 P.M.

**Budget Public Hearing-Binding Reviews**

**County General**

Kroeger explained that we needed to review our Binding Reviews. Kroeger explained that he, Bill Spaetti, Auditor Jane Lynam and Robert Norris, from DLGF had discussed the best way to handle our levy submission. We developed our budget over the three days but what we don't know is where to set the levy to keep from setting the tax rate too high. Norris recommended leaving the levy as it was advertised.

Kroeger asked everyone to look at the Form B, line 1 and see that we started with a budget of \$7,729,566, over the three days we got that down to \$7,270,094 for County General. We concluded after those three days to set the levy at 6.5 million, but after our discussions with Norris he told us to use the 7.4 million we advertised. Once we get the 1782 Notice from the DLGF we have 10 days to decide where we want to set the levy based on their numbers. The DLGF will use our full assessed value to come up with those figures. Spaetti said Norris told us to go ahead and adopt the full rate, then make the changes that way we can adjust it where we need it. We want to keep the tax rate as low as possible for everybody but we need to get a reserve built up for whatever may come in two or three years.

Kroeger also said that we have to decide where we want to set our Cum Bridge Rate. This decision can be made after we receive our 1782 Notice also, but both the Commissioners and the County Council will have to sign off on a letter stating our intentions.

**Carter Fire**

Kroeger read through Carter Fires 4-B; their budget for 2015 is \$203,500 and they are asking for a levy of 108 so they are using up some of their cash. They don't have a lot of miscellaneous revenue, \$10,000, and the cash balance went down approximately \$90,000. Kroeger said we will do a final approval on this in October.

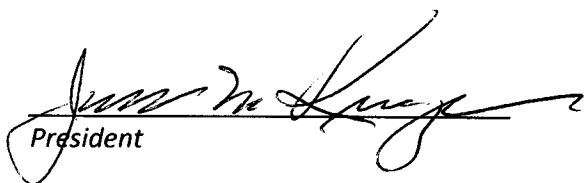
**Solid Waste**

Kroeger said looking at their budget they have a fairly high cash balance. Benton said he attended a Solid Waste meeting and they are starting a five year plan on repairs, maintenance and capital asset purchases, so they are heading in the right direction.

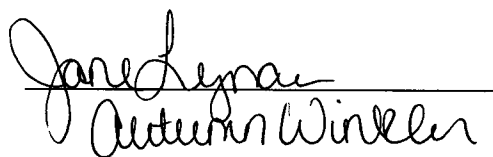
Kroeger said looking at their 4-B their budget for 2015 is \$660,747 and they are asking for a levy of 370. Again we have been through this and we will do final approval on this in October.

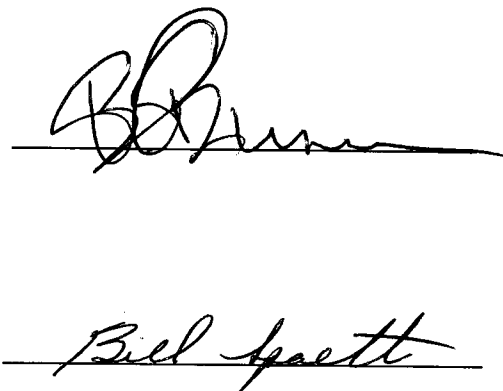
Spaetti made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

  
President

Attest:

  
Auditor

  
Bill Spaetti

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Steve Winell Mittler Engel

Dave Kress \_\_\_\_\_